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MEASURES

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B) STATE 116103 DTG 060148Z MAY 78
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1. IN LIGHT OF USNATO'S RECOMMENDATIONS WITH WHICH WE
CONCUR, WE HAVE DEFERRED ARRANGING THE APPROACH TO FRG
REQUESTED IN REF B UNTIL THE MATTER HAS BEEN RECONSIDER-
ED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

2. WE DO NOT FEEL THAT RAISING IT AT THE VAN WELL
LEVEL WOULD NECESSARILY SERVE THE DESIRED PURPOSE
SINCE VAN WELL DOES NOT HAVE DAILY OPERATIONAL CONTACT
WITH MBFR ISSUES AND WOULD DEFER TO HIS EXPERTS IN ANY
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CASE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AMBASSADOR RUTH WILL BE
DISCUSSING ASSOCIATED MEASURES IN WASHINGTON ON MAY
11 AND ASSUME THE QUESTION OF HOW TO PROCEED IN
ASSESSING US PROPOSALS WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH RUTH
AT THAT TIME.

3. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THE FRG IS FLEXIBLE ON THIS

ISSUE AND WOULD BE AMENABLE TO ACCEPTING THE US PROPOSAL, WITHOUT UNDUE US PRESSURE, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME NOT PREJUDICING THEIR POLITICAL POSITION. WE RECALL THAT FRG ORIGINALLY SUPPORTED THIS PROPOSAL BEFORE WE AND UK URGED THEM TO CHANGE THEIR STAND.

4. FRG ARGUMENTATION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CITE THE LOGIC OF INITIAL SPC REVIEW TO SEPARATE THOSE ISSUES ON WHICH WORKING GROUP COULD BEGIN SERIOUS STUDY FROM THOSE MORE POLITICALLY CONTENTIOUS ISSUES WHICH WILL NEED FURTHER SPC CONSIDERATION. THIS IS CERTAINLY TRUE FOR SUCH MEASURES AS MOBILE OBSERVERS AND AERIAL INSPECTION WHICH CAUSE THE FRG SPECIAL CONCERNS.

5. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS YET APPROPRIATE TO RAISE THIS MATTER TO VAN WELL'S LEVEL, WE HAVE DISCUSSED IT WITH RUTH AND HIS STAFF. THESE CONVERSATIONS FORM THE BASIS OF OUR ABOVE COMMENTS AND ESTIMATES.
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